

The Way of Our World

A lightning bolt injured seven people in Alexandria, La.

The latest London fashion is to carry a dog which exactly matches your coat.

Apricot and peach pits are used as fuel in the home of Nels Larsen, of Yakima, Wash.

Regulation prison stripes for convicts have been discarded in the Arkansas penitentiary.

A man in West Bloomfield, N. Y., has won \$1000 to anyone who can make him smile.

The Atlantic Fruit Line steamer Glendora went aground yesterday on a reef in Nipe Bay, Cuba.

A Rumanian woman who died at 118 years is mourned by an innkeeper to whom she was engaged.

In Pearsall, Tex., a cat entered a school house during the study period and attacked a 10-year-old boy.

The heaviest snow slides in years are blocking rail traffic in the mountainous regions of southwestern Colorado.

A two-year old New York boy can name seventy musical compositions after hearing the first measure played.

Alplanes are being used to spot wolves, foxes, and dogs which are killing livestock in many parts of Indiana.

The granddaughter of Gen. Isaac Shelby, the first governor of Kentucky, died penniless in Memphis last Thursday.

Hungarian workmen are the lowest paid laborers in Europe, the average pay of craftsmen being less than \$2 weekly.

One hundred and seventy-four Mexican criminals have been exiled to the penal colony on an island off the coast of Nyarit.

A bill has passed the House, granting a pension of \$30 a month to a woman who killed her husband while he was intoxicated.

A safety device by which men may rise from a sunken submarine without outside aid has been successfully tested off Key West.

Scotland Yard finger print experts are experimenting with the transmission by wireless of photographs and fingerprints of criminals.

Four couples of Beloit, Wis., were forced to cut short their elopement and return to their homes because of lack of funds and hunger.

Plunging 300 feet over the Palisades in a car and escaping without a scratch was the experience of William Worrman, Ridgefield, N. J.

Eight hundred thousand automobile accidents in the United States during 1928 cost 27,000 lives and involved an economic loss of \$850,000,000.

The government of Palestine has ordered the construction of a road twelve miles long in honor of the visit of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., next month.

More than 30,000 air mail stamps were sold by Canal Zone post-offices in anticipation of the first air mail flight from the Isthmus to Miami, Fla.

The Nez Perce tribe has refused to take part in the inaugural pageantry of Herbert Hoover with other Indian tribes, considering it beneath their dignity.

\$3000 is the reward promised Clifton Tye, an 8-year-old negro boy of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, for finding a purse filled with jewels valued at \$50,000.

Heavy floods, inundating every valley town in Connecticut, have caused several deaths and wrought damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Evelyn Nesbit, night club hostess and former wife of Harry K. Thaw, has announced her engagement to Alexander Romanoff, who claims to be a Russian prince.

Baron Gunther Von Huenefeld, who with two others made the first east-to-west non-stop airplane flight across the North Atlantic, died in Berlin last Tuesday.

Gen. Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, has worn the regular uniform of the organization for fifty years, never having worn civilian garb during that time.

After traveling 5000 miles as stow-aways, in an attempt to enter the United States illegally, two Arabs were captured within five feet of their goal when one of them fell into the Hudson River while getting off the boat.

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WRITER LAUDS

M. U. SPANISH DEPARTMENT

"La Prensa" Correspondent Urges Study of Language

MAKES TOUR OF STATES

N. Y. Newspaperman Tells of Opportunities in Other Countries

"The Spanish-teaching faculty of the University of Missouri is one of the best in the West," said Manuel G. Fernandez, special correspondent for the "La Prensa," a Spanish newspaper published in New York City.

"Your Spanish professor cannot be praised too highly. To tell the truth I believe I speak my own language better than I do," he continued.

Mr. Fernandez, a native of northern Spain and a former professor of Spanish at Villanova College, near Philadelphia, is touring every state in the United States to interest high school pupils in the study of Spanish.

He has been traveling for three years during which time he has edited a special column for his paper, which while printed in Spanish, is one of the few newspapers to subscribe to three world-wide news agencies and to have a circulation in almost every country where there are comparative large groups of Spaniards.

"Anyone knowing both Spanish and English does not have to stay in the United States and work for a meager salary," said Mr. Fernandez. "American builders and pioneers of industry in foreign countries where Spanish is spoken want American youths who can speak the native language, and one thing is certain—students here, if they are of average intelligence, will not have to go to a foreign country to learn Spanish."

When questioned on Mr. Hoover's good-will tour of Latin-America, Mr. Fernandez said, "While Mr. Hoover's trip did great things, for both the United States and the countries he visited, in bringing about a more friendly feeling, the president-elect could have accomplished even greater things if he had been able to speak Spanish. The United States exported several millions of dollars' worth of merchandise last year, but this year this should be greatly increased merely because of Mr. Hoover's trip there."

He further said that it pleased him to see so many students working their way through school because he was forced to do the same when he attended college.

"La Prensa" offers an annual aggregate prize of \$4500 for the best essay in Spanish on a specially selected subject. This contest is open to any high school or university student in the country.

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The Weather

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair and not so cold tonight and Tuesday; lowest temperature tonight about 10 or 12 above.

For Missouri: Mostly fair tonight and Tuesday; not so cold Tuesday and west and north portions tonight.

Shippers forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperatures are expected to be about as follows: North 4, East 12, South 10, West 10.

Weather conditions: Except some chilly rains on the south Atlantic seaboard sunshine prevailed yesterday from ocean to ocean and today started with bright weather generally. It is still cold everywhere with freezing nearly to New Orleans and Galveston. Subzero cold, however, is less prevalent than for several days and is receding further northward. There was no storm development anywhere on the map this morning. The Missouri outlook points to fair skies with slowly rising temperature over Tuesday.

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SEVEN DEATHS

IN SOUTHWEST DUE TO COLD

Texas, Hard Hit, Uses Smudge Pots to Protect Crops

TWO DIE IN OKLAHOMA

Weather Moderations by Tomorrow Are Expected

Moderate temperatures for Columbia and vicinity during the next two days was forecast by the U. S. Weather Bureau here today. Early yesterday morning the lowest temperature of the year was reached when the mercury dropped to 54 below zero, rising in the afternoon to a maximum of 26 degrees above zero. Early this morning the temperature was 4 degrees above zero and by noon had risen to 12 above. The last brief cold spell began Saturday when Columbia experienced its first below zero weather with a minimum of 3 degrees below zero.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11 (U.P.).—Icy temperatures that had claimed seven lives over the week-end in the Southwest, had moderated only slightly today but indications were the mercury would start a slow climb tomorrow.

For the first time in many days, sections of the Southwest saw the sun yesterday but temperatures remained below the zero mark. A cold sun was shining today, bringing little change to the temperature.

Even Texas was feeling the effects of the cold wave and below-freezing temperatures were general. The Lone Star State, unprepared for such a decided drop, suffered greatly and reported a death toll of four. Smudge pots were kept burning in many parts to protect truck gardens.

Two deaths were reported yesterday in Oklahoma. At Muskogee, Johnnie Phillips, 25, was found frozen to death in his coupe, while his companion, Goldie Rector, high-school girl, is in a serious condition from frozen feet and exposure. The girl told officers the automobile ran off the highway and plunged into a ditch. Jack Brewer, 26, son of J. M. Brewer, president of the First National Bank of Heaven, was found frozen to death. He was on a hunting trip.

A negro was found frozen to death on the streets in Kansas City today. A minimum of 3 above zero was reported here today.

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DIAL SERVICE TO

BEGIN ON JULY 17

Installation of the New Equipment to Start in Ten Days

Installation of the dial telephone equipment to supplant the old manual service will start within ten days, according to R. F. Carter, manager of the Columbia Telephone Company. The conversion will begin by replacing the equipment in the local office.

The cut-over will be made on July 17. At that time all telephones will be converted to the dial system. A new directory will be issued at the time of the cut-over. The old "color" numbers will be eliminated and all the new numbers will be in four digits.

The installation is to be finished four weeks in advance of the cut-over date. This is to allow a period for demonstrating the use of the dial to subscribers.

In the dial system, all the telephone operators are eliminated, except those on information and long-distance.

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RIOTING OCCURS

AFTER FUNERAL OF LEON TORAL

Three Are Killed and 30 Wounded in Mexico City

PRESIDENT IS IN WRECK

Portes Gil Is Unharmed When Agitators Bomb Special Train

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11 (U.P.).—Stringent precautions against disorder were taken by the government today after a disturbed week-end in Mexico during which the special train of President Emilio Portes Gil was wrecked by a bomb, another passenger train was derailed, a bomb was detonated in the office of Aaron Saenz, presidential candidate, and serious disorders occurred in the capital.

The happenings came within twenty-four hours of the execution of Jose de Leon Toral, whose funeral caused disturbances in which at least three were killed and more than thirty wounded.

President Portes Gil, with his wife and baby daughter, reached the capital safely at 1:30 a. m. on a heavily guarded train. He smiled as he reached the platform and was embraced by several close friends.

Two cars wrecked. The attempt on his life was made at 7 a. m. yesterday between Comonfort and Rinconillo in